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In re Application of :
Jose Javier Macias et al. :
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On Petition

This is in response to the request to change correspondence address and pay maintenance fees, filed February 14, 2011. The request to pay the maintenance fee is being treated as a petition under 37 CFR 1.378(b), to accept the unavoidably delayed payment of a maintenance fee for the above-identified patent.

The request to change the correspondence address has been accepted.

The petition under 37 CFR 1.378(b) is **dismissed**.

A petition under 37 CFR 1.378(b) requires a petition fee of \$700. The petition did not include the required fee and thus no consideration of the petition can be given. It is noted that petitioner indicates the reason the maintenance fee was not timely paid was because the Office did not correct the correspondence address to be that of petitioner. The Office reminder to pay maintenance fees is a courtesy letter only, patentees are expected to know when maintenance fees are due and to timely pay them. Failure to receive the reminder is not an acceptable showing of unavoidable late payment of the maintenance fees.

It is suggested that petitioner file a petition for unintentional late payment of the maintenance fee. The fee for this petition is \$1,640. A form for this petition is attached for petitioner's convenience.

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Telephone inquiries concerning this matter should be directed to Carl Friedman at (571) 272-6842.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'C. Friedman', written in a cursive style.

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